

# **DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

## **DARIEN, CONNECTICUT**

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### **Minutes of February 12, 2004 Meeting**

Peter Maglathlin, chairman, convened the meeting of the High School Building Committee at 8:08p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

**Members present:**

Jenny Streeter	Peter Maglathlin
Jim Plutte	Jerry Nielsen
Dave Campbell	John Bowes
Sal Mazzeo	

**Guest List:**

George Graikoski	Peter Bowman
John Ryan	Paul Engemann
Adele Conniff	

The meeting's agenda was adopted unanimously.

The minutes of the December 11 and January 22 meetings were approved unanimously.

### **Construction Committee Report**

George Graikoski gave the monthly progress report. He said that discussions with United Steel are about two-thirds completed regarding change orders and other costs associated with the steel component of the construction. He noted that United Steel had filed a claim for \$184,000 for lost time on the project.

There was extensive discussion regarding, and the committee strongly emphasized, the need for the construction manager to bring before the committee any recommendations for changes from items specified in the original drawings or bids. The catalyst for the discussion was the substituting, without the knowledge or approval of the committee, of cast iron wall-mounted lavatories for china wall-mounted lavatories in locker rooms. Although the committee agreed that this is a change that it would have approved, it was emphasized that the committee needs to be able to pass judgment on such recommendations before purchase and installation of equipment takes place. The committee has a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Darien to scrutinize closely expenditures related to this project.

The following pay application was approved:

Advanced Performance Glass, Inc.	\$198,550.00
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The following change orders were approved:

C.H. Nickerson

- Provide winter protection for exterior masonry work in Building E

10,935.55

#### A & A Drywall & Acoustical

- Install the hollow metal doorframes in the drywall partitions (15,000.00)

#### Pipe & Power Mechanical, Inc.

- Provide three (3) grease traps, revise the underground plumbing, and add associated plumbing work to accommodate the kitchen equipment revisions 34,571.67
- Revise the wall-mounted lavatories in the locker rooms, from china to cast iron 8,460.34
- Provide the revisions to the ductwork in the main gymnasium; to relocate the ductwork from below the trusses to inside the trusses 20,968.00
- Revise the plumbing and heating piping to support the greenhouse 1,537.38
- Revise the roof drain locations on Buildings C and F (1,221.47)

#### Semac Electrical Contractors

- Revise the type H fixtures, and wire guards in the auxiliary gymnasiums, revise the length of the type K fixture and add two (2) type P fixtures 35,115.00
- Revise the cafeteria lights 33,938.92
- Revise the kitchen equipment layout 15,417.91
- Provide the power wiring for the gymnasiums' shot clocks and score boards 13,138.00
- Revise/add technology devices in Building D 2,130.00
- Revise the main gymnasium lighting layout 12,994.00
- Provide power to the irrigation control panel for Building E and revise two electrical transformers and two panels in Building F 8,628.00
- Change breaker in the main switch board feeding panel MPOCI 698.00

There was discussion about when to take the existing gymnasium complex off line so that demolition can begin. Because of the needs of the physical education program and after-school activities, there is a need for further discussion to accommodate the needs both of the school's curriculum and the committee's timetable.

#### **Design Development Committee Report**

Jenny Streeter reported that the furniture acquisition is a separate phase that must be approved by the state. She said that our proposal must be sent to the state by September 1. Assuming the state acts in a timely manner, we will be able to put out bid packages by November 1, and be able to award bids by January 1.

**Finance Committee Report**

John Bowes distributed an updated cost summary report. He called the committee's attention to the \$27,000 figure for the cost of site representation by the architect, which exceeds the contract amount by \$2000, with approximately 17 months of construction remaining. Discussion revealed that the architect was apparently on site about two days each week. Peter Maglathlin said that we will cut that back to one day per week, and that the bill should not be paid until a contract interpretation is agreed upon.

John Ryan distributed a Master Change Order Report. This report will be very helpful in tracking change orders by contractor. He will work with the committee to synchronize the report with the committee's cost summary report.

Paul Engemann reported that the state sent a letter requesting why the square footage of the project had been reduced. He explained that this is the result of removing central office space from the building design in order to avoid reimbursement deductions for non-qualifying space. Paul will correspond with the state to clarify this.

Paul also discussed proposals regarding the installation of the synthetic field. He talked about various options that might result in cost savings if the work is coordinated among the project's contractors, the committee, and the fund-raising group that is providing the synthetic turf.

**Chairman's Report** – None.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2004, at 8:00p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Plutte  
Secretary

***Approved: February 26, 2004***